

**THE MINUTES OF THE HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**

Tuesday, September 19, 2006

10:30 a.m.

Room 326 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Government Operations was called to order by **Representative Leon Drolet**, Chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Drolet, Hoogendyk, Gosselin, Garfield, Sheen, Emmons, Tobocman and Lemmons, III.

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representative Lipsey.

Representative Gosselin moved to adopt the minutes of the **September 12, 2006** meeting. The motion was supported by **Representative Sheen**. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Chairman Drolet opened the floor for discussion of the Auditor General's Report #50-510-05.

TESTIMONY

Sean Carlson, representing the Michigan Department of Management and Budget, testified. Questions and discussion followed.

Ken Theis, representing the Michigan Department of Information Technology, testified. Questions and discussion followed.

Steve Baker, Audit Division Administrator, Office of the Auditor General, testified. Questions and discussion followed.

Chairman Drolet laid **HB 6481** before the committee:

HB 6481 Mortimer	Human services; services or financial assistance; drug testing of welfare recipients; revise requirements.
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TESTIMONY

Representative Mortimer, sponsor of HB 6481, explained her bill to the committee.

Shelli Weisberg, representing American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Michigan, answered questions from the committee.

Chairman Drolet laid **HB 6465** before the committee:

HB 6465 Drolet	Civil rights; speech and assembly; banning of cameras or unreasonably restricting local media access to sidelines for purpose of reporting on the event; prohibit in sports facility receiving tax dollars for construction costs.
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Vice-Chair Hoogendyk assumed the Chair at 11:13 a.m.

TESTIMONY

Chairman Drolet, sponsor of HB 6465, explained his bill to the committee.

Chairman Drolet resumed the Chair at 11:19 a.m.

The committee returned to the consideration of **HB 6481**.

TESTIMONY

Shelli Weisberg, representing the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Michigan, testified indicating neutrality on the bill.

Jackie Doig, representing the Center for Civil Justice, submitted a card and written testimony in opposition to the bill and did not wish to speak.

Ron Hicks, representing the Michigan Department of Human Services, submitted a card in opposition to the bill and did not wish to speak.

Representative Hoogendyk offered the following amendments to **HB 6481**:

1. Amend page 1, line 6, after “(2)” by striking out “The” and inserting “**NOT SOONER THAN JANUARY 1, 2007, THE**”.

2. Amend page 2, line 16, after “**SURVEY**” by inserting “**TO EACH RECIPIENT AND AFTER ADMINISTERING THE SURVEY, THE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE HAS A REASONABLE SUSPICION OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE BY THE RECIPIENT**”.

Representative Hoogendyk moved to adopt the amendments. The motion was supported by **Representative Gosselin**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **6-1-1**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Drolet, Hoogendyk, Gosselin, Garfield, Sheen and Emmons,

Nays: Representative Tobocman,

Pass: Representative Lemmons, III.

Representative Gosselin moved to report **HB 6481** with recommendation, as substitute (**H-1**). The motion was supported by **Representative Garfield**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **5-1-1**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Drolet, Hoogendyk, Gosselin, Garfield and Sheen,

Nays: Representative Tobocman,

Pass: Representative Lemmons, III.

The committee returned to the consideration of **HB 6465**.

Vice-Chair Hoogendyk resumed the Chair at 11:27 a.m.

TESTIMONY

Chairman Drolet, sponsor of HB 6465, explained the bill to the committee.

Chairman Drolet resumed the Chair at 11:28 a.m.

Larry Crittenden, Communications Director, representing the Michigan Association of Broadcasters, testified and submitted written testimony in support of the bill.

Shelli Weisberg, representing the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Michigan, submitted a card in support of the bill and did not wish to speak.

Representative Tobocman moved to excuse Representative Lipsey from the committee. The motion was supported by **Representative Garfield**. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

Representative Leon Drolet, Chair
House Standing Committee on Government Operations
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Committee Clerk
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1 Hour and 10 Minutes